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DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS OF
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ON BEHALF OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF
DOCKET NO. 2018-318-E
IN RE: APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC
FOR ADJUSTMENT IN ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULES AND TARIFFS
AND REQUEST FOR AN ACCOUNTING ORDER

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I. INTRODUCTION

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is Dan Wittliff. My business address is 919 Congress Avenue, Suite 1110,
Austin, Texas 78701.

Q. PLEASE OUTLINE YOUR FORMAL EDUCATION.

1 **A.** I am a 1972 graduate of Southern Methodist University where I earned a Bachelor
2 of Science degree in mechanical engineering and membership in Pi Tau Sigma mechanical
3 engineering honorary. In 1975, I earned a Master of Business Administration from the
4 University of Oklahoma where I was elected to membership in the Beta Gamma Sigma
5 business honorary society.

6 **Q. WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT POSITION?**

7 **A.** I am Managing Director of Environmental Services for GDS Associates, Inc.
8 (“GDS”) in Austin, Texas.

9 **Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE GDS?**

10 **A.** GDS is an engineering and consulting firm headquartered in Marietta, Georgia with
11 offices in Austin, Texas; Auburn, Alabama; Manchester, New Hampshire; Madison,
12 Wisconsin; and Orlando, Florida. GDS provides technical and financial consulting services
13 to a nationwide base of clients including utilities, Public Service Commissions, large
14 consumers of energy, and various agencies. Areas of expertise include power generation
15 support and management consulting, power supply and transmission planning, rate
16 consulting, distribution services, least cost planning, environmental including permitting
17 and compliance, and litigation support. Power generation support services provided by the
18 firm include plant operational monitoring on behalf of co-owners of fossil and nuclear
19 power plants, plant ownership feasibility studies, plant management audits, plant
20 construction cost and schedule analyses, evaluations of power plant O&M costs and
21 budgeting practices, production cost modeling and plant outage and replacement power
22 cost evaluations, and environmental compliance.

23 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.**

1 **A.** I have been employed by GDS since January 2007. I manage complex and multi-
2 media (e.g., air, water, wastewater, and solid waste) environmental projects including
3 natural gas and coal power plant development, operations, and compliance. Experience
4 previous to joining GDS includes serving as the first Chief Engineer for the Texas Natural
5 Resource Conservation Commission, now known as the Texas Commission on
6 Environmental Quality, which is second only to the Environmental Protection Agency in
7 terms of size. During my four and half years as Chief Engineer, I advised the
8 commissioners of the agency on all aspects of environmental permitting and compliance.
9 This scope spanned the full range of utility plant operations including coal plant operations.
10 In addition, I oversaw the functions of innovative technology, toxicology, and pollution
11 control property tax abatements. Further, as Chief Engineer, I resolved technical
12 disagreements between permittees and the agency and within the agency. Before my
13 service with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, I served in numerous
14 supervisory positions with West Texas Utilities Company, headquartered in Abilene,
15 Texas, managing the company's multi-media environmental compliance program and
16 overseeing power station performance including issues related to air pollution, water
17 treatment, industrial hygiene, and solid waste disposal. Coal-fired plant operations and
18 compliance were a major part of my responsibilities. Immediately prior to joining GDS
19 Associates, I was Principal of Dan Wittliff Consulting, PLLC. This firm provided
20 professional environmental engineering services that focused on related engineering,
21 regulatory affairs, and energy systems operations, management, and compliance including
22 coal-fired plant operations and compliance. I am a Board Certified Environmental
23 Engineer through the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists,

1 where I served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 2010 through 2015. I am also
2 a licensed professional engineer. My resume and list of publications are included as
3 Exhibit DJW-1.

4 **Q. HAVE YOU SERVED IN LEADERSHIP ROLES RELATED TO THE**
5 **ENGINEERING PROFESSION?**

6 **A.** Yes. I served in various state and national positions with the National Society of
7 Professional Engineers (“NSPE”). I served as president of NSPE from 2012 to 2013 and
8 served on the Board of Directors for eight years. I also served as president of the Texas
9 Society of Professional Engineers from 2002 to 2003. From 2017 to 2018, I served as
10 President of the Engineers’ Week Foundation Board of Directors. Since 2015, I have
11 chaired NSPE’s Committee on Policy and Advocacy, which develops policy and position
12 statements on key issues affecting licensed engineers across the country. My committee
13 and I recently rewrote the organization’s professional policies for Energy and Environment
14 along with eight other policies.

15 **Q. HAVE YOU SERVED IN LEADERSHIP ROLES OUTSIDE OF YOUR**
16 **PROFESSION?**

17 **A.** Yes. I retired from the Air Force Reserve in 2002 at the rank of Colonel. I served
18 nine years on active duty and 21 years in the reserves. The majority of my active duty was
19 spent in communications maintenance and operations culminating in a stint as commander
20 of a unit on a mountaintop in Central Turkey. When I transferred to the reserves, I joined
21 a combat civil engineering squadron as chief of utilities and structures. From 1996 to 2002,
22 I returned to environmental and civil engineering first as Senior Individual Mobilization
23 Augmentee (“IMA”) to the Environmental Director for the Ogden Air Logistics Center,

1 then as Senior IMA to the Commander of the Civil Engineering Group at Hill Air Force
2 Base (“AFB”), finishing my career as Senior IMA to the Command Civil Engineer of Air
3 Force Materiel Command. At Hill AFB, I advised senior leadership on issues related to
4 pollution plume remediation and interfaced with the Utah environmental regulators on air
5 permitting and emissions from engines at the base.

6 **Q. PLEASE DISCUSS YOUR COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS EXPERIENCE.**

7 **A.** My coal combustion residuals experience includes the initial startup and testing of
8 fly ash removal, storage, and disposal facilities when I was plant engineering supervisor at
9 Oklaunion Power Station, a 720 MW coal-fired plant near Vernon, Texas from 1985 to
10 1990. When I served as manager of environmental services for West Texas Utilities
11 Company, from 1991 to 1995, I chaired the Solid Waste Task Force for the Electric
12 Reliability Council of Texas from 1994 to 1995 and participated in the Texas Coal Ash
13 Utilization Group from 1993 to 1995. When I became chief engineer of Texas Natural
14 Resource Conservation Commission in 1995, I led the resolution of coal ash beneficial
15 reuse issues between the state’s various electric utilities and the agency’s solid waste
16 program management and policy staff. I have also delivered a paper, “Regulatory
17 Advances in Texas,” Workshop on Coal Combustion Products, American Coal Ash
18 Association. In the paper, I delineated the results of work between the agency and industry
19 to further define and expand beneficial reuses of coal ash.

20 **Q. HAVE YOU GIVEN TESTIMONY BEFORE?**

21 **A.** Yes. I filed direct testimony before the South Carolina Public Service Commission
22 on behalf of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff in the matter of Docket No.
23 2018-319-E on February 25, 2019. I also filed direct testimony and testified before the

1 North Carolina Utilities Commission in No. E-7 Sub 1146 on January 23, 2018 and in
2 Docket No. E-2 Sub 1142 on December 4, 2017. Recently, I also offered testimony before
3 the Texas State Office of Administrative Hearings, Docket No. 473-14-2252, PUC Docket
4 No. 42087, and before the Florida Public Service Commission, Docket No. 150075-EI.

5 **II. PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

6 **Q. BY WHOM HAVE YOU BEEN RETAINED IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

7 **A.** GDS has been retained by the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”).

8 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

9 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to address the certain issues regarding Duke Energy
10 Carolinas, LLC’s (“DEC” or “Company”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC’s (“DEP”)
11 (collectively the “Companies”) management of their Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR)
12 impoundments including any related legal, regulatory, and cost consequences stemming
13 from that management including:

- 14 1) The evolution of coal ash management and its regulations;
15 2) The evolution of the Coal Combustion Residuals Final Rule;
16 3) Company History & Current Activities;
17 4) North Carolina’s Coal Ash Management Act (“CAMA”) History;
18 5) A determination whether the Company met environmental compliance and/or best
19 engineering/environmental management practices and if not, whether any resulting cost
20 consequences were either avoidable or unreasonably high; and
21 6) A determination of the extent and timing of ash removal and other compliance costs
22 attributable solely to North Carolina’s CAMA or North Carolina court decisions.

1 **Q. WHAT COAL ASH MANAGEMENT MATERIAL DID YOU REVIEW AND**
2 **RELY ON TO DEVELOP YOUR TESTIMONY?**

3 **A.** My review included:

- 4 • Information gained from site visits to DEP’s Asheville (“Asheville”), Cape Fear (“Cape
5 Fear”), H.F. Lee (“H.F. Lee”), Mayo (“Mayo”), Robinson (“Robinson”), Roxboro
6 (“Roxboro”), Sutton (“Sutton”), and Weatherspoon (“Weatherspoon”) Steam Stations
7 in North and South Carolina and associated CCR facilities;
- 8 • DEP responses to data requests addressing the Company’s past and current coal
9 combustion residual practices at each applicable Company facility;
- 10 • Inspection reports related to dam safety of CCR impoundments;
- 11 • Remediation options analyses;
- 12 • Ash Pond Closure plans;
- 13 • Testimonies of Company officials and representatives before the South Carolina Public
14 Service Commission (“Commission”) related to these matters;
- 15 • Relevant Court Orders, including but not limited to Federal and State Orders related to
16 the Company’s failure to comply with Federal and State laws regarding the
17 management of coal ash prior to the enactment of CAMA;
- 18 • Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and other governmental reports;
- 19 • Utilities Solid Waste Activities Group documents;
- 20 • The rationale for the enactment of the federal CCR Rule and the enactment of CAMA
21 contained in those and associated preambles;

- 1 • Insurance documents of the Company from 1996 that indicate the Company understood
2 it had a significant legal exposure regarding discharges of pollutants from ash/coal
3 combustion residual ponds at its coal-fired power plants;
- 4 • Information and documents provided by the Company in response to data requests;
- 5 • Duke Energy’s SEC 10-K filings for the years 2008-2016; and
- 6 • Minutes of Environmental Review Commission of the North Carolina General
7 Assembly meetings for the years 2010 through 2014.

8 I also relied on my professional training and experience as a licensed engineer with
9 over thirty (30) years of experience at coal-fired power plants including environmental
10 controls, regulations, and compliance from the diverse perspectives of industry, regulatory
11 agency, and consultant.

12 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING.**

13 **A.** In my testimony, I will lay out the evolution of coal ash management regulations to
14 provide context for the development of the Federal CCR Rules and the North Carolina
15 CAMA. I will also describe the role that the February 2014 spill at Dan River Steam
16 Electric Station played in the development of CAMA. Additionally, I will delineate the
17 CCR management solutions employed by coal-fired power plants generally and DEP
18 specifically.

19 For more discussion on these jurisdictional allocations, please see ORS witness
20 Seaman-Huynh’s testimony regarding cost of service, and specifically the discussion
21 related to jurisdictional allocations. While many of the costs requested by DEP in this case
22 resulted from the necessity to comply with the federal CCR Rules or with requirements
23 established by South Carolina authorities and have been recommended for recovery, some

1 or all the expenses sought by DEP for compliance at Asheville, Cape Fear, H.F. Lee,
2 Sutton, and Weatherspoon result solely from CAMA or the North Carolina Mountain
3 Energy Act of 2015 and South Carolina ratepayers haven't traditionally had to pay for costs
4 incurred solely as a result of North Carolina laws.

5 Please note that, while I reviewed the CCR expenses (for both Asset Retirement
6 Obligation ("ARO") and non-ARO) provided by DEP through December 31, 2018 and
7 forecasts beyond that time, my recommendations for allowances and disallowances are
8 based on the actuals for ARO deferrals submitted by DEP in Kerin Exhibit 10 (see Exhibit
9 DJW-3.1.2) and Non-ARO Expenses in DEP Schedule 1803 (see Exhibit DJW-3.5.1)
10 through September 30, 2018. Any deferral amounts beyond that date should be addressed
11 in a subsequent proceeding.

12 Regarding the non-ARO expenses claimed in Schedule 1803 (Exhibit DJW-3.5.1),
13 the data for DEP non-ARO expenses lacks granularity sufficient to do a detailed analysis
14 of these costs. However, the \$6,279,603 claimed through September 30, 2018 appears
15 reasonable and I recommend it be allowed. Any non-ARO expenses beyond that date
16 should be addressed in a subsequent proceeding.

17 Tables 5.2 and 5.4, below, summarize what is being sought for recovery, my
18 recommended disallowances, and the premise on which these recommendations are based.
19 I recommend that the Commission disallow \$333,480,308 of the \$635,040,092¹ in ARO
20 deferrals being requested by the Company in this proceeding.

¹ This number includes \$202,062,063 of spend from 01/01/15 through 06/30/16, requested in Docket No. 2016-227-E, and recovered by DEP pursuant to a Settlement Agreement approved in Commission Order No. 2016-871. Pursuant to Order No. 2016-871 and the Settlement Agreement, "inclusion of certain coal ash expenses in [that] case has no precedential effect and will not prejudice the position of any Party in any future proceeding before the Commission."

1 **III. EVOLUTION OF COAL ASH MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS**

2 **Q. HOW DID COAL ASH MANAGEMENT AND ITS REGULATIONS EVOLVE?**

3 **A.** Federal Surface Water and Wastewater Regulations – The Federal Water Pollution
4 Control Act of 1948 was the first major U.S. law to address water pollution. Growing
5 public awareness and concern for controlling water pollution led to sweeping amendments
6 in 1972. As amended in 1972, the law became commonly known as the Clean Water Act
7 (“Clean Water Act”). Wastewater from steam electric power generating units is regulated
8 under the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”).

9 The 1972 Clean Water Act established the basic structure for regulating pollutant
10 discharges into the waters of the United States and gave the EPA the authority to implement
11 pollution control programs such as setting wastewater standards for the electric utility
12 industry based on the fact that CCRs and coal ash wastewater are pollutants. The Clean
13 Water Act maintained existing requirements to set water quality standards for all
14 contaminants in surface waters and made it unlawful for any person to discharge any
15 pollutant from a point source into navigable waters unless a permit was obtained under its
16 provisions.

17 In accordance with 40 CFR 122.41, the following standard conditions are
18 incorporated into all NPDES permits:

- 19 • **Duty to comply.** The permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any
20 permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Clean Water Act and is grounds
21 for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or
22 modification; or denial of a permit renewal application. (see 40 CFR 122.41(a))

- 1 • **Duty to mitigate.** The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent
2 any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this permit which has a
3 reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment. (see 40
4 CFR 122.41(d))
- 5 • **Proper operation and maintenance.** The permittee shall at all times properly operate
6 and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related
7 appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with
8 the conditions of the permit. (see 40 CFR 122.41(e))
- 9 • **North Carolina Groundwater (2L) Rules** – In 1979, North Carolina established rules
10 (2L Rules) to protect, maintain, preserve, and enhance the quality of the groundwaters
11 of the State, prevent and abate pollution and contamination of the waters of the state,
12 and to protect public health. These rules require that all entities, including the utility
13 industry, conducting or controlling an activity resulting in the discharge of a waste or
14 hazardous substance to the groundwaters of the State take immediate action to
15 terminate and control the discharge, mitigate any hazards resulting from exposure to
16 the pollutants and notify the Department of Environmental Quality of any such
17 discharge. If as the result of any entity conducting or controlling an activity not
18 permitted by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (“NC DEQ”)
19 which results in an increase in the concentration of a substance in excess of the 2L
20 standards, that entity must implement an approved corrective action plan for restoration
21 of groundwater quality.
- 22 • **1979 Los Alamos Report** – In May 30, 1979, the Department of Energy (“DOE”)
23 directed the University of California’s Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory to prepare a

1 paper on the topic of the disposal and reclamation of coal and uranium wastes (Exhibit
2 DJW-4.8). The report indicated that there was a growing awareness that the discarded
3 wastes from coal combustion were a serious potential source of surface and
4 groundwater contamination and that the wastes have the potential for causing great
5 environmental damage if not properly handled. Regarding disposal in ash basins, the
6 authors concluded:

7 The control of contaminated leachates and seepages from disposal ponds for fly ash
8 and scrubber sludge represents, perhaps, the most significant environmental problem
9 facing the southwestern coal and utilities industries. Many trace contaminants that are
10 present in the fly ash or sludge can be mobilized by the waters in the ponds. The transport
11 of contaminants from the disposal ponds into shallow or deep aquifers could result in the
12 degradation of the quality of these waters. Frequently, ash and sludge disposal areas are
13 lined with impermeable materials to reduce the loss of water from them. Nonetheless,
14 careful monitoring of the surface and subsurface effluents from disposal ponds is a
15 necessity in a well-planned disposal and reclamation scheme for coal combustion wastes.

- 16 • **1988 EPA Report to Congress** - The EPA submitted its report to Congress on “Wastes
17 from the Combustion of Coal by Electric Utility Power Plants” in February 1988. This
18 report addressed CCR from electric utility power plants, voicing concerns over the
19 “substantial quantities of wastes” produced by these plants because of the “increasing
20 reliance on coal for producing electricity.” (see Exhibit DJW-4.6 p ES-2) The report
21 forecasted a growth in the production of coal ash and flue gas desulfurization waste from
22 a combined 80 million tons per year in 1984 to 170 million tons in 2000.

1 The report also observed that “[t]he primary concern regarding the disposal of
2 wastes from coal-fired power plants is the potential for waste leachate to cause ground-
3 water contamination” from the potentially toxic metals in the ash. (see Exhibit DJW-4.6 p
4 ES-3) Furthermore, the report observed that “[m]ost utility waste management facilities
5 were not designed to provide a high level of protection against leaching.” (see Exhibit
6 DJW-4.6 p ES-3) In 1988, only about twenty-five percent (25%) of all facilities had liners
7 of any kind (e.g., clay, synthetic, or composite), although that number had increased to
8 forty percent (40%) of facilities built since 1975. (see Exhibit DJW-4.6 p ES-3)

- 9 • **Federal Coal Combustion Residual Rule** – Throughout the evolution of the CCR Rule,
10 beginning with the enactment of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”)
11 on October 21, 1976 and ending with the EPA publication of a final rule correcting the
12 effective date of the disposal of coal combustion residuals final rule to October 19, 2015,
13 the primary concern expressed in reports to Congress and others was that coal combustion
14 residuals or products posed a growing environmental risk of groundwater contamination if
15 left unattended.

16 From the beginning of this evolution, the EPA saw the country’s increasing reliance
17 on coal as a fuel for electrical power generation as presenting significant environmental
18 concerns, as reflected in its February 1988 “Report to Congress on Wastes from the
19 Combustion of Coal by Electric Utility Power Plants.”

20 On December 22, 2008, a dike used to contain coal ash at the dewatering area of
21 the Tennessee Valley Authority (“TVA”) Kingston Fossil Plant in Roane County,
22 Tennessee failed. Approximately 5.4 million cubic yards of coal ash was released into
23 Swan Pond Embayment and three adjacent sloughs, eventually spilling into the main

1 Emory River channel. The release extended approximately 300 acres outside of the fly ash
2 dewatering and storage areas of the plant.

3 As a result of this failure, the EPA initiated comprehensive inspections of more
4 than 500 CCR impoundments across the country to determine the condition and risk posed
5 by a dam failure. These inspections took place from 2009 through 2011 and included all
6 of the Company's surface impoundments. Among the risks posed by dam failures are: loss
7 of life, injury to people and wildlife, loss or significant damage to public and private
8 property, environmental damage to wetlands and waterways, and damage to infrastructure
9 such as roads and bridges.

10 On March 9, 2009, the EPA began mailing information request letters to electric
11 utilities and corporations that had surface impoundments or similar units that contained
12 coal combustion residuals. These letters requested information to assist the EPA in
13 evaluating the structural integrity of these management units.

14 On June 21, 2010, the EPA proposed regulations under RCRA to address the risks
15 from the disposal of CCRs generated from the combustion of coal at electric utilities and
16 independent power producers. This proposal contained two (2) regulatory options, due to
17 the significant and technical policy issues involved in regulating these wastes. Under the
18 first, the EPA proposed to list these residuals as special wastes subject to regulation under
19 Subtitle C of RCRA, when they are destined for disposal in landfills or surface
20 impoundments. Under the second option, the EPA proposed to regulate disposal of such
21 materials under Subtitle D of RCRA by issuing national minimum criteria. Under both
22 alternatives, the EPA proposed to establish dam safety requirements to address the
23 structural integrity of surface impoundments to prevent catastrophic releases. After

1 extensive study and examination of all comments received during the rulemaking process,
2 the EPA established regulations under Subtitle D of RCRA (Source EPA web site
3 <https://www.epa.gov/coalash/coal-ash-rule>).

4 On December 19, 2014, the EPA signed the final rule on disposal of coal
5 combustion residuals from electric power plants. The EPA finalized national regulations
6 providing a comprehensive set of requirements for the disposal of coal combustion
7 residuals as solid waste under subtitle D of RCRA. On April 17, 2015, the EPA published
8 the final rule on disposal of coal combustion residuals from electric utilities in the *Federal*
9 *Register*. On July 2, 2015, the EPA published a final rule correcting the effective date of
10 the disposal of coal combustion residuals final rule to October 19, 2015.

11 **Q. WHAT WAS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF DEC'S IMPOUNDMENT FAILURE AT**
12 **DAN RIVER?**

13 **A.** From February 2, 2014 through February 8, 2014, the unpermitted discharge of
14 approximately 27 million gallons of coal ash wastewater and an estimated 39,000 tons of
15 coal ash into the Dan River occurred through two pipes from Dan River's primary coal ash
16 basin. The coal ash from the release traveled more than 62 miles down the Dan River.
17 Until this event, the draft federal CCR Rule was the driving force in coal combustion
18 residual remediation and closure, and the proposed CCR Rule provided latitude in
19 remediating or closing coal combustion residuals impoundments. The Dan River spill,
20 however, played a deciding role in the development of North Carolina's CAMA in its
21 present form, not only accelerating the timing of action required, but also limiting the
22 options to remediate and close coal combustion residuals impoundments more than would
23 eventually occur under the CCR Rule. In fact, Dr. Wright on page 17, lines 5-7 of his

1 testimony (see Exhibit DJW-3.6), says that there is no doubt that the Dan River spill
2 certainly helped prompt the North Carolina General Assembly to examine the State's and
3 national coal ash disposal policies and regulations.

4 As is demonstrated by DEC's own admissions and the Court's findings in the
5 federal criminal actions, criminal negligence on the part of DEC at Dan River and
6 Riverbend and state environmental rule violations at Dan River and Riverbend, as well as
7 DEP's Asheville, Cape Fear, and H.F. Lee plants resulted in damage to the environment.
8 Specifically, DEP "failed to maintain the riser structures in two of the coal ash basins at
9 the Cape Fear Steam Electric Plant, resulting in the unauthorized discharge of leaking coal
10 ash wastewater into the Cape Fear River." In addition, DEP allowed unauthorized
11 discharges via "seeps" from ash basins into waters of the US at the Asheville and H.F. Lee
12 Stations. The seeps were "naturally occurring" and channeled to engineered drains,
13 ditches, and waters of US (see Section II of Exhibit DJW -5.0). In state court lawsuits,
14 DEP was also charged with excavating the CCR, placing the CCR in a compliant landfill
15 or reused beneficially, and achieving compliance with the State's 2L Groundwater Rules
16 (see Exhibit DJW-5.3.1 Items 44 to 71). In addition to language contained within North
17 Carolina's CAMA and legislative drafts of what eventually became CAMA, the court cases
18 and subsequent plea agreements (see Exhibits DJW-5.1 – DJW-5.4) demonstrate that DEC
19 and DEP were criminally and civilly negligent in their operations and maintenance of the
20 impoundments for years prior to the enactment of CAMA, confirming that DEC and DEP
21 failed to responsibly address and correct these issues adequately -- and consequently in a
22 much less costly – manner than it is currently being required to do.

1 **Q. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY SUBSEQUENT LEGAL ACTIONS THAT WOULD**
2 **CAUSE THE EPA TO ALTER THE WAY CLOSURE WAS OR WILL BE**
3 **HANDLED AT SITES THAT WERE INACTIVE AS OF APRIL 17, 2015? IF SO,**
4 **PLEASE EXPLAIN.**

5 **A.** Yes. On August 21, 2018, the DC Circuit Court found that the EPA had allowed
6 utilities to close inactive ponds at coal plants which were shut down on or before April 17,
7 2015 to be capped in place without regard to whether the ponds were excavated, dewatered,
8 or lined in some way so as to prevent contamination of groundwater by the inactive pond.
9 The Court remanded the portion of the rule on inactive ponds at inactive sites to the EPA
10 for reconsideration. However, until this issue has been addressed by the EPA, the current
11 CCR Rules remain in effect.

12 **Q. DID THE COMPANY'S ACTIONS IMPACT THE ENACTMENT OF CAMA IN**
13 **ANY WAY? IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN.**

14 **A.** Yes. In the aftermath of the 2008 CCR impoundment failure at TVA's Kingston
15 Fossil plant and after the EPA's dam safety inspections of DEC's and DEP's coal-fired
16 power plants in 2009, the Federal initiatives on CCR Rule development became the driving
17 force in changes to coal ash management. Environmental lawsuits filed in State Courts in
18 2013 and 2014 brought issues associated with seepage, unpermitted discharges,
19 groundwater violations, and drinking water impacts from Asheville and Sutton to the
20 forefront. However, it was DEC's February 2014 impoundment failure at Dan River
21 causing a release of as much as 39,000 tons of CCR and 27 million gallons of CCR
22 wastewater into the Dan River that brought a prompt response by the North Carolina

1 General Assembly as reflected in the preamble of an early May 14, 2014 version (see
2 Exhibit DJW-4.4) of the Coal Ash Management Act (Senate Bill 729) which states:

3 Whereas, the issue of coal ash storage has not been adequately addressed in
4 North Carolina for more than six decades; and

5 Whereas, on February 2, 2014, an estimated 39,000 tons of coal ash was
6 released into the Dan River following the failure of a stormwater pipe under
7 a utility coal ash impoundment pond in Eden, North Carolina; and

8 Whereas, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
9 ("Department") finds that coal combustion products have settled into the
10 sediment of the river bottom and will require an extensive clean-up plan to
11 complete remediation; and

12 Whereas, the Department is in the process of reassessing previous efforts at
13 achieving compliance at coal ash facilities and developing short term and
14 long term policies in light of the Dan River spill, violations discovered in
15 light of increased inspections of coal combustion products disposal facilities
16 and anticipated new federal regulations on coal combustion products; and

17 Whereas, it is the intent of the Department to ensure that spills of
18 wastewater are reported to the Department in a defined and adequate time
19 frame; and

20 Whereas, it is the intent of the Department to protect surface water and
21 groundwater resources for their best usage; and

22 Whereas, it is the intent of the Department to ensure that all unpermitted
23 wastewater discharges are eliminated or addressed in an environmentally
24 responsible manner; and

25 Whereas, it is the intent of the Department to equally subject all dams under
26 jurisdiction of G.S. 143-215.23 to the requirements of statute and
27 administrative code; and

28 Whereas, it is the intent of the Department for the owners of all dams under
29 jurisdiction of G.S. 143-215.23 deemed intermediate and high hazard by the
30 Department to prepare at their own cost documents that describe full and
31 adequate response to emergency situations at their dams and to submit those
32 documents to the Department; and

33 Whereas, it is the intent of the Department to ensure that emergency
34 situations at dams are reported to the Department in a defined and adequate
35 time frame; and

1 Whereas, the it is the intent of the Department to increase oversight of dam
2 structure integrity to protect the health and safety of the public; and

3 Whereas, state law exempts coal combustion products removed from
4 impoundments from being defined as a solid waste; and

5 Whereas, the Department finds that consistent environmental standards
6 should apply to coal combustion products removed from impoundments for
7 management or disposal and coal combustion products managed or
8 disposed of as a solid waste; and

9 Whereas, the Department finds the federal Environmental Protection
10 Agency is under consent decree to complete new regulations by December
11 2014 for coal combustion products that are proposed to bring consistency
12 to requirements for large fills such as structural fills and landfills; and

13 Whereas, the Department finds that conversion and closure of coal ash
14 storage ponds is necessary for protection of the health and safety of the
15 public;

16 While the sentiment expressed in this document leaves no doubt in my mind that
17 the spill from Dan River was the seminal event in stimulating the development of CAMA,
18 the other examples of ash mismanagement also played a role in making CAMA as stringent
19 as it became. As is demonstrated by the Company's own admissions and the Court's
20 findings in federal criminal actions, criminal negligence on the part of the Company at
21 Cape Fear, H.F. Lee, Asheville, Cliffside, and Sutton (see Section IV of Exhibit DJW-5.0
22 Items 98 to 192) resulted in damage to the environment. All of these negligent actions on
23 the part of the Company played a significant role in making CAMA more prescriptive and
24 more stringent than enabling state environmental laws had been in North Carolina for a
25 number of years immediately preceding its enactment.

26 **Q. WAS THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDERING**
27 **LEGISLATION TO REGULATE COAL ASH DISPOSAL PRIOR TO THE DAN**
28 **RIVER SPILL?**

1 **A.** As noted in the preamble to CAMA included earlier in my testimony, the General
2 Assembly acknowledged that the “issue of coal ash storage has not been adequately
3 addressed in North Carolina for more than six decades.” In addition, my research of the
4 minutes of the Environmental Commission of the North Carolina General Assembly for
5 the three (3) years prior to the Dan River spill and the month immediately preceding the
6 spill led me to conclude that no legislation was being seriously considered up until the time
7 of the failure. In fact, the only mentions of coal ash in the minutes from February 2010
8 through January 2014 were as follows:

9 January 18, 2011

10 Ms. Sullins said the effect of coal ash on groundwater was being reviewed
11 as part of the renewal of permits for groundwater. Concerning the issue of
12 coal ash, the EPA issued new [draft] rules for coal combustion residuals [in
13 2010] after the failure of an impoundment in Tennessee. Because of the
14 types of containment of the residuals, the North Carolina Division of Waste
15 Management, Division of Water Quality and the Division of Land
16 Resources are severally involved in this issue. The three Divisions
17 reviewed the EPA rules and submitted comments to the federal agency. The
18 Division considers the EPA rules unsatisfactory, therefore the Division
19 seeks to have EPA treat coal combustion residuals as solid waste and
20 provide states with financial incentives to regulate them as solid waste to
21 recognize state permitting requirements for the substances.

22 Representative Harrison asked if the Division felt confident that toxins
23 contained in recycled coal ash remained inert. Mr. Matthews said that the
24 technical standards for hazardous and solid waste are similar and should be
25 effective.

26 December 13, 2012

27 Representative Samuelson asked about the differences in types of landfills,
28 specifically industrial landfills. Mr. Scott explained that sanitary landfills
29 include municipal solid waste landfills, construction demolition landfills,
30 and industrial landfills. In North Carolina, there are 16 industrial landfills,
31 mostly for the power industry, coal ash, pulp and paper, and one specifically
32 for battery products.

33 October 9, 2013

1 Representative Harrison wanted more information on the coal ash ponds
2 and potential groundwater contamination by the power companies? Mr.
3 Gillespie explained that North Carolina has filed a lawsuit against the power
4 companies on this issue and the Southern Environmental Law Center has
5 joined the suit. DENR has followed the guidelines when imposing fines on
6 Progress Energy. The penalty DENR has imposed is five times higher than
7 normal.

8 **Q. HAS SOUTH CAROLINA PASSED LEGISLATION SIMILAR TO CAMA?**

9 **A.** No. In fact, SC Code Regs 61-79.261 establishes regulations for CCR
10 impoundments as exempt from solid waste designation. A table of my research into state-
11 specific rules on CCR management and impoundments is included as Exhibit DJW-4.7.2
12 which shows that, in the region around North Carolina, Kentucky, West Virginia, and
13 Georgia adopted the Federal CCR Rules. That said, on January 24, 2019, the State of
14 Virginia reached a bipartisan agreement to move forward on a bill that would require
15 Dominion Energy to excavate all the coal ash at their Virginia coal plants. See Exhibit
16 DJW-9.1.

17 **Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED A COMPARISON OF THE REQUIREMENTS**
18 **CONTAINED WITHIN THE EPA'S CCR RULE AND CAMA?**

19 **A.** Yes. Exhibit DJW-4.7.1 is a side-by-side comparison of the Federal CCR Rule,
20 CAMA, and subsequent amendments. Table 4.1 in Exhibit DJW-4.7.1 summarizes and
21 compares the provisions of CAMA and the CCR Rule. As indicated in the narrative below,
22 CAMA is significantly more restrictive and stringent than the federal CCR Rule.

23 1) CLOSURE MANDATES. From this side-by-side comparison, it is readily apparent
24 that CAMA focuses on basin closure for any impoundment not rated as "low risk"
25 compared to the CCR Rule. CAMA requires closure only for active basins which
26 cannot meet the various safety and environmental criteria, with a high priority on the
27 stability evaluation. While none of the DEP impoundments were originally listed as

1 “low risk” under CAMA, the Company was able to change the classifications of
 2 impoundments at Mayo and Roxboro by providing a water supply or water treatment
 3 system to neighboring communities) on ground water (see Exhibit DJW-8.5). Kerin’s
 4 Exhibit 10 (Exhibit DJW-3.1.2) indicated that DEP has removed \$3,144,456 in
 5 “CAMA-related” from this request for reimbursement. See Table 3.1 below. We
 6 concur that these costs should not be reimbursed and nor should other “CAMA-related”
 7 costs that result from rules that are more stringent than the Federal CCR Rules.

Table 3.1: DEP Changes in Risk Classifications and Drinking Water Supply Spends				
Plant	Basin	Risk Classification May 18, 2016	Risk Classification Nov 14, 2018	CAMA Water Supply Costs (source - discovery response 9-06)
Asheville	1964 Ash Basin	High	no change	\$186,054
	1982 Ash Basin	High	no change	
Cape Fear	1956 Ash Pond	Intermediate	no change	\$11,756
	1963 Ash Pond	Intermediate	no change	
	1970 Ash Pond	Intermediate	no change	
	1978 Ash Pond	Intermediate	no change	
HF Lee	Active Ash Pond	Intermediate	no change	\$603,002
	Polishing Pond	Intermediate	no change	
	Ash Pond #1	Intermediate	no change	
	Ash Pond #2	Intermediate	no change	
	Ash Pond #3	Intermediate	no change	
Mayo	Ash Pond	Intermediate	Low	\$334,703
Roxboro	East Ash Pond	Intermediate	Low	\$1,697,802
	West Ash Pond	Intermediate	Low	
Sutton	1971 Ash Pond	High	no change	\$156,699
	1984 Ash Pond	High	no change	
Weatherspoon	Ash Pond	Intermediate	no change	\$154,440
TOTAL				\$3,144,456

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- 1 2) CLOSURE METHODS. CAMA allows only “low risk” coal combustion residuals
2 basins to be closed by cap in place while the CCR Rule allows for cap-in-place closure
3 for a wider range of impoundments.
- 4 3) COMPLIANCE TIMING. CAMA directs accelerated timelines for compliance in
5 comparison to the CCR Rule. Many of the expenditures for which DEP is seeking
6 recovery in this proceeding would not be required until a number of years in the future,
7 and others not required to be incurred had CAMA not been passed in reaction to the
8 Dan River spill. At Asheville and Sutton, CAMA originally required closure by August
9 1, 2019. Asheville’s CAMA compliance date was extended to 2022 to accommodate
10 the construction of gas-fired combined cycle replacement energy on site in accordance
11 with the North Carolina Mountain Energy Act of 2015. Sutton, on the other hand, was
12 left with the original compliance date. At Asheville, 4.1 million tons of ash were
13 beneficially reused as structural fill at the Asheville airport. Additionally, 233 thousand
14 tons of CCR were hauled to the DEC Cliffside Landfill and 1.7 million tons were
15 hauled from Asheville to a landfill in Homer, Georgia. At Sutton, the ash ponds were
16 decanted, dewatered, excavated (using hydraulic dredges in the later stages), and
17 stacked out on site. Because of the timeline involved with permitting a lined on-site
18 landfill, DEP shipped 2 million tons of the CCR by rail or truck to the Brickhaven Mine
19 to achieve the required CAMA scheduled completion at considerable cost in excess of
20 what DEP would have been required to incur.
- 21 4) APPLICABILITY TO INACTIVE SITES. Because the CCR Rule currently applies
22 only to sites that were active as of October 19, 2015. Cape Fear was not impacted by
23 the CCR Rule and was designated for closure under CAMA.

- 1 5) BENEFICATION REQUIREMENTS. A North Carolina court order and CAMA
2 require ash beneficiation at three (3) sites. As it relates to CCR and the requirements
3 of CAMA (see Exhibit DJW-4.9), beneficiation is the physical treatment of excavated
4 CCR with suitable chemical properties (e.g., loss on ignition and particle size) so that
5 the processed CCR can be beneficially reused in cementitious products. Two DEP sites,
6 Cape Fear and H.F. Lee, were designated as beneficiation sites. In addition,
7 Weatherspoon was also qualified as a beneficiation site even though the CCR is hauled
8 to cement kilns in South Carolina where it is beneficiated. The Federal CCR Rules do
9 not require beneficiation.
- 10 6) CONVERSION TO DRY ASH DISPOSAL. CAMA requires dry fly ash disposal by
11 December 2018 and dry bottom ash disposal by December 2019. The CCR Rule does
12 not expressly address conversion to dry ash disposal. However, in some cases,
13 conversion is driven by basin closure requirements. Furthermore, the EPA extended
14 timelines to accommodate Steam Electric Effluent Limitations Guidelines that propose
15 to require conversion to dry ash disposal. No such extension has been made available
16 in CAMA.
- 17 7) HIGH PRIORITY SITES. CAMA identified two (2) of the Company’s facilities,
18 Asheville and Sutton, as “**HIGH PRIORITY**” sites, requiring that the time frame for
19 the removal of all ash and the closure of those sites be further accelerated. As is
20 apparent from Kerin’s Exhibit 10 (Exhibit DJW-3.1.2), approximately 71 percent
21 (\$440 million out of the total Asset Retirement Obligation (“ARO”) 2015-September
22 30, 2018 expenditures of \$635 million) of the monies spent by the Company in 2015-
23 September 2018 were incurred due to an accelerated closure schedule of these two sites.

1 On May 18, 2016, the NC DEQ released proposed classifications (Exhibit DJW-9.2)
2 for all coal ash ponds in NC, while asking the General Assembly to allow the
3 reconsideration of those classifications in 18 months. Table 3.1 lists the Company's
4 High Priority sites designated by CAMA in 2014 (Asheville and Sutton) that must be
5 closed by August 1, 2019, and proposes the rest be classified as intermediate priority
6 for which closure would be required by December 31, 2024.

7 On November 14, 2018, the NC DEQ (Exhibit DJW-9.3.) issued another press
8 release which states that none of the DEP impoundments met the low-risk classification
9 criteria set forth in CAMA. That left Cape Fear, H.F. Lee, Mayo, Roxboro, and
10 Weatherspoon with their original intermediate risk ratings.

11 **IV. INDUSTRY AND COMPANY COAL ASH MANAGEMENT**

12 **Q. WHAT SOLUTIONS HAS THE INDUSTRY IMPLEMENTED FOR**
13 **COMPLIANCE AND PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT FROM THE**
14 **IMPACTS OF COAL ASH DISPOSAL?**

15 **A.** Since the 1970's, industry practices have shown a shift away from surface
16 impoundments and towards landfills and from unlined impoundments towards lined waste
17 management units. In the EPA's 1988 and 1999 reports to Congress, the agency observed
18 the percentage of generating units with lined landfills increased from thirty percent (30%)
19 to fifty-seven percent (57%) between 1975 and 1995. Over the same time frame, lined
20 surface impoundments rose from seventeen percent (17%) to twenty-eight percent (28%).

21 In my experience with coal plants and CCR management, which includes both wet
22 and dry components, liners were placed in new ponds built since the mid-1980's and were

1 placed in Subtitle D compliant landfills built since the mid-1990's. Table 4.1 below
 2 illustrates the Company's CCR handling and disposal methods employed at their facilities.

Table 4.1: Coal Ash Disposal Basins at Duke Energy Progress Coal Fired Power Plants

Plant	Coal Plant Size (MW)	Basins	Combined Basin Surface Area (acres)	Basins Built	Lined (Y/N)	Type and Thickness Liner	Type of Disposal (Wet/Dry)	Total Ash Impounded (million tons)	NDPES Permit
Asheville (NC) Steam Electric Generating Station (operating)	376		91	1964 and 1982				3.163	NC0000396
		A-1	45	1964	N	N/A	Wet	2.536	
		A-2	46	1982	N	N/A	Wet	0.627	
Cape Fear (NC) Steam Electric Plant (retired)	316		160	1956 (I), 1963 (I), 1970 (I), 1978 (I), and 1985 (I)				5.67	NC0003433
		CF-1	12	1956 (I)	N	N/A	Wet	0.42	
		CF-2	21	1963 (I)	N	N/A	Wet	0.76	
		CF-3	30	1970 (I)	N	N/A	Wet	0.84	
		CF-4	37	1978 (I)	N	N/A	Wet	0.83	
		CF-5	60	1985 (I)	N	N/A	Wet	2.82	

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H.F. Lee (NC) Steam Electric Plant (1951-2012, retired)	382	4	295	4 Inactive (late 1950's through early 1960's and 1 in late 1970's)				5.89	NC0003417			
				HFL-1	76	1950	N			N/A	Wet	0.19
				HFL-2		1955	N			N/A	Wet	0.44
				HFL-3	87	1962	N			N/A	Wet	0.67
		HFL-4	132	1982	N	N/A	Wet	4.59				
Mayo (NC) Steam Electric Plant (operating)	727	1	140	1983				6.35	NC0038377			
				M-1	140	1983	N			N/A	Wet	6.35
Robinson (SC) Steam Electric Plant (retired)		1	75	1960 fill area and Ash Basin				3.9	SC0002925			
				RSC-1	75	1960	N			N/A	Wet	3.9
Roxboro (NC) Steam Electric Plant (operating)	2,417	2	374	1966 and 1989				19.42	NC0003425			
				R-1	134	1965	N			N/A	Wet	6.96
				R-2	240	1973	N			N/A	Wet	12.46
Sutton (NC) Electric Plant (retired)	575	2	139	1971 (unlined) and 1984 (12" clay) plus Lay of Land Area and				7.152	NC0001422			
				S-1	54	1971	N			N/A	Wet	3.54
				S-2	85	1984	Y			12" Clay	Wet	2.78
Weatherspoon (NC) Steam Electric Plant (retired)	171	1	52	Began ops in 1949. Two coal units added in				1.53	NC0005363			
				W-1	52	1979	N			N/A	Wet	1.53
TOTAL	4,964	18	1,326					53.075				

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1 **Q. HAS THE COMPANY KEPT PACE WITH THE REST OF THE INDUSTRY IN**
2 **ITS COMPLIANCE WITH ITS PERMITS AND WITH ENVIRONMENTAL**
3 **LAWS GOVERNING COAL ASH MANAGEMENT?**

4 **A.** No. The Company has been disposing of CCR for at least sixty (60) years. The
5 Company built its first coal-fired power plant (Cape Fear) in 1923 and built the first of its
6 currently listed surface impoundments (H.F. Lee Ash Pond Number 1) in 1950. Except for
7 impoundments and landfills built in response to CAMA and the federal CCR Rule the
8 Company did not vary from its established practice of building, expanding, and continuing
9 to utilize unlined wet surface impoundments despite the increasing concerns reported in
10 industry studies, noted above, with potential ground water impacts from CCR
11 impoundment seeps and leachate. During my December 2018 site visits to the eight (8)
12 DEP plants in North and South Carolina, Company officials contended that the flow
13 coming from the seeps is a small fraction of the flow coming out of the ash basin outfalls
14 permitted under NPDES. While this contention appeared to be true, this does not relieve
15 the Company from complying with the terms of its permits. It is also noteworthy that the
16 engineered (constructed) seeps have been included as permitted outfalls in each plant's
17 NPDES permit while non-constructed seeps have been largely addressed through agreed
18 orders for each plant.

19 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE CLOSURE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY THE**
20 **COMPANY TO ADDRESS ITS CCR IMPOUNDMENTS AND LANDFILLS.**

21 **A.** There are essentially four options to closing CCR impoundments: (1) Cap-In-Place,
22 (2) Hybrid Closure, (3) Excavate and Landfill On-Site, and (4) Excavate and Dispose of

1 Off-Site. In addition, there is a process to remove and beneficiate the ash for resale to
2 concrete plants. A description of the closure options follows:

3 1) OPTION 1: HYBRID CLOSURE – Consists of excavating ash materials from the
4 proposed Closure-by-Removal Areas and the subsequent placement of these ash
5 materials within the proposed consolidated Hybrid Ash Closure Area. Following these
6 excavation and placement activities, the Hybrid Ash Closure Area will be capped with
7 an infiltration barrier/cap system meeting the requirements of the Federal CCR Rule
8 and CAMA.

9 2) OPTION 2: CLOSURE-IN-PLACE – Consists of leaving the ash material within the
10 Ash Basin, which will be capped with an infiltration barrier/cap system meeting the
11 requirements of the Federal CCR Rule and CAMA.

12 3) OPTION 3A: CLOSURE-BY-REMOVAL TO EXISTING ON-SITE LANDFILL –
13 Consists of the excavating all ash materials from the proposed Closure-by-Removal
14 Area and placing these ash materials in a new phase of liner within the Existing On-
15 Site Landfill. The existing landfill will be capped with an infiltration barrier/cap
16 system meeting the requirements of the Federal CCR Rule and CAMA.

17 4) OPTION 3B: CLOSURE-BY-REMOVAL TO EXISTING & NEW ON-SITE
18 LANDFILLS – Consists of excavating ash materials from the proposed Closure-by-
19 Removal Area, placing those ash materials in a new phase of liner within the Existing
20 On-Site Landfill. Once the new Industrial Landfill is permitted and constructed,
21 excavated ash materials from the proposed Closure-by-Removal Area can subsequently
22 be placed within the new Industrial Landfill. The new phase of the existing landfill

1 and the new Industrial Landfill will be capped with an infiltration barrier/cap system
2 meeting the requirements of the Federal CCR Rule and CAMA.

3 5) OPTION 4: CLOSURE-BY-REMOVAL TO OFF-SITE THIRD-PARTY LANDFILL
4 – Consists of excavating the entire Ash Basin and the disposal of the ash material in an
5 existing, off-site, and appropriately lined landfill system.

6 **Q. HOW DID THE CAMA RULES IMPACT ASH BASIN CLOSURE COSTS,**
7 **STRATEGY, AND SCHEDULE?**

8 **A.** The CAMA rules required accelerated closure schedules for **HIGH PRIORITY**
9 Sites (i.e., Asheville and Sutton) which had the effect of removing cap-in-place as a viable
10 closure strategy at these sites. This, in turn, forced some sites such as Asheville and Sutton,
11 to excavate and ship train and truck loads of CCR from the ash ponds to an off-site landfill
12 as much as 145 miles away. Consequently, the CAMA rules resulted in costs exceeding
13 what would have been the costs under the Federal CCR Rules alone.

14 **V. EXPENDITURES ATTRIBUTABLE ONLY TO CAMA**

15 **Q. SHOULD SOUTH CAROLINA RATEPAYERS BE REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE**
16 **DEP FOR EXPENDITURES INCURRED SOLELY DUE TO NORTH**
17 **CAROLINA’S CAMA OR NORTH CAROLINA COURT DECISIONS?**

18 **A.** No. It is the position of ORS that costs incurred as a result of jurisdictional laws
19 should not lead to increased costs to ratepayers outside of that jurisdiction. This matter is
20 addressed in the cost of service testimony of ORS witness Seaman-Huynh.

21 As identified by DEP witness Kerin, DEP has attempted to isolate specific costs
22 associated with CAMA and is not seeking recovery of those costs from South Carolina
23 ratepayers. However, the costs set aside by DEP largely encompass providing bottled

1 water or other water supplies. Additional costs above and beyond those identified by DEP
2 solely attributable to CAMA are further identified below. ORS is not taking the position
3 that South Carolina ratepayers should not pay any costs related to environmental
4 compliance and cleanup at DEP's coal fired generation facilities, only that North Carolina
5 law and court decisions, over which South Carolina ratepayers have no meaningful input,
6 should not place an additional burden on the ratepayers of South Carolina.

7 **Q. WHAT TYPE OF EXPENDITURES HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED AS BEING**
8 **SOLELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO CAMA?**

9 **A.** I have identified the following types of expenditures as being solely attributable to
10 CAMA and not the Federal CCR rules:

- 11 1) Expenditures for plants and impoundments not covered at all by the CCR rules. For
12 DEP, Cape Fear falls into this category.
- 13 2) Expenditures for closure and/or excavation options not required under the CCR Rules,
14 but required under CAMA or North Carolina court decisions. Asheville, Cape Fear,
15 H.F. Lee, Sutton, and Weatherspoon fall in this category.
- 16 3) Expenditures for actions that would not have been required at this time under the CCR
17 rules, but are subject to **accelerated schedules** under CAMA or other state law. Sutton
18 and Asheville fall into this category.

19 **Q. WHAT TYPE OF EXPENDITURES DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE FULLY**
20 **RECOVERABLE?**

21 **A.** Prudently incurred expenditures for actions which are required by and fulfill the
22 Federal CCR Rules or the requirements of the State of South Carolina. Mayo, Roxboro,
23 and Robinson fall into this category.

1 **Q. WHICH, IF ANY DEP PLANTS ARE NOT COVERED BY THE FEDERAL CCR**
2 **RULES?**

3 **A.** Company witness Kerin’s Exhibit 10 (Exhibit DJW-3.1.2) states “Cape Fear is not
4 currently subject to CCR provisions regarding basin closure.” While witness Kerin goes
5 on to state “[h]owever, in response to the United States Court of Appeals for the District
6 of Columbia Circuit’s August 21, 2018 decision in *USWAG vs. EPA* (No. 15-1219), the
7 EPA is expected to undertake a rulemaking that would regulate inactive impoundments at
8 closed power plants, including the Cape Fear basin”, this statement is irrelevant to this
9 proceeding because the EPA has not yet issued its final ruling.

10 **Q. WOULD THE REGULATION OF INACTIVE INPOUNDMENTS NECESSARILY**
11 **LEAD TO THE FORCED CLOSURE AND/OR EXCAVATION OF THE CAPE**
12 **FEAR IMPOUNDMENTS IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THAT DIRECTED BY**
13 **CAMA?**

14 **A.** No. Any speculation as to what regulations the EPA will issue in response to the
15 Court Order is solely that – speculation – and should not be considered in this proceeding.

16 **Q. HOW MUCH HAS DEP REQUESTED IN THIS PROCEEDING FOR THE**
17 **RECOVERY OF EXPENDITURES AT CAPE FEAR?**

18 **A.** As noted in Table 5.1, below, the Company is requesting the recovery of
19 \$33,631,199 for specified actions (see Exhibit DJW-3.1.2) at Cape Fear. This entire
20 amount should be disallowed for recovery from South Carolina ratepayers absent any
21 federal regulations directing the actions taken by DEP or for any similar actions.

1 **Q. WHAT EXPENDITURES FOR CLOSURE AND/OR EXCAVATION OPTIONS**
 2 **NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE CCR RULES, BUT REQUIRED UNDER CAMA,**
 3 **HAS THE COMPANY REQUESTED IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

4 **A.** The actions covered by the Company’s request are summarized in Kerin Exhibit 10
 5 (Table 5.1) (Exhibit DJW-3.1.2), below (copied from DEP’s response to SCORS DEP 10-
 6 08) delineates the CCR costs being requested by the Company in their filing in the column
 7 labeled “Total Costs Incurred 1/1/15 -9/30/18”:

Table 5.1: DEP Actual and Projected ARO Cash Flows 2015-2018

	Total Project Costs (2015+)	Total Costs Incurred 1/1/15 - 9/30/18	2015	2016	2017	1/1 - 9/30/18	Total CF Forecast	10/1 - 12/31/18
DEP								
Operating								
Asheville	\$ 452,038,793	\$ 191,934,196	\$ 24,187,676	\$ 82,788,175	\$ 40,931,030	\$ 44,027,315	\$ 260,104,597	\$ 22,261,993
Mayo	206,749,586	25,384,168	7,342,989	7,524,374	5,880,434	4,636,371	181,365,418	9,165,451
Roxboro	349,803,401	34,070,691	7,806,769	12,563,556	7,167,110	6,533,256	315,732,710	6,366,469
Total Operating Plants	1,008,591,780	251,389,055	39,337,434	102,876,105	53,978,574	55,196,942	749,360,288	37,793,913
Retired								
Cape Fear	504,918,488	33,631,199	7,705,330	8,346,981	6,815,029	10,763,860	471,287,289	18,325,181
HF Lee (NC)	568,383,919	54,775,180	7,260,508	13,498,675	13,416,419	20,599,578	513,608,739	21,923,632
Robinson (SC)	179,561,777	11,431,675	2,581,604	3,834,014	2,090,145	2,925,911	168,130,102	10,866,681
Sutton	493,219,171	255,525,554	37,189,549	79,669,346	104,689,533	33,977,126	237,693,617	19,844,924
Weatherspoon	209,724,346	28,287,429	4,631,236	4,489,006	9,438,277	9,728,910	181,436,918	7,036,705
Total Retired Plants	1,955,807,702	383,651,037	59,368,227	109,838,022	136,449,403	77,995,385	1,572,156,665	77,997,123
Total Duke Energy Progress	\$ 2,964,399,482	\$ 635,040,092	\$ 98,705,661	\$ 212,714,127	\$ 190,427,977	\$ 133,192,326	\$ 2,329,359,390	\$ 115,791,036

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 9 As shown in Table 5.2 below, three of the plants (Mayo, Robinson, and Roxboro)
 10 are pursuing closure options and schedules in compliance with the Federal CCR Rules, and
 11 I recommend that all prudently incurred expenditures for these plants be allowed. In
 12 addition, Robinson pursued closure options that were coordinated with and approved by
 13 the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“DHEC”). I
 14 recommend that all prudently incurred expenditures for this plant also be allowed.

Table 5.2: Summary of Closure Options and Recommended Disallowances			
Plant	Amount Requested (1/1/15-9/30/18, SCORS DEP 10-08)	Closure Option Compliance with Federal CCR Rules	Recommended Disallowance
Asheville	\$ 191,934,196	CAMA High Priority - Accelerated Schedule -- Allow Engineering and Planning	\$ 98,220,932
Cape Fear	\$ 33,631,199	No Federal CCR Requirements	\$ 33,631,199
HF Lee	\$ 54,775,180	Beneficiation - CAMA Only -- Allow Engineering and Planning	\$ 9,207,711
Mayo	\$ 25,384,168	Federal CCR Compliant	\$ -
Robinson	\$ 11,431,675	Federal CCR Compliant and SCDHEC Requirements	\$ -
Roxboro	\$ 34,070,691	Federal CCR Compliant	\$ -
Sutton	\$ 255,525,554	CAMA High Priority - Accelerated Schedule -- Allow Engineering and Planning`	\$ 186,376,226
Weatherspoon	\$ 28,287,429	Excavation and Beneficiation Off-Site -- CAMA -- Allow E&P Through 9/30/17 and Half Costs 10/01/17 through 9/30/18	\$ 6,044,240
Total	\$ 635,040,092		\$ 333,480,308

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 2 The three other plants (Asheville, H.F. Lee, and Sutton) shown in Table 5.2 were
 3 compelled by the provisions of CAMA or the North Carolina Mountain Energy Act to act
 4 faster (Sutton) or take actions not required by the Federal CCR Rules (Asheville, H.F. Lee,

1 Sutton, and Weatherspoon). Asheville and Sutton were designated as **HIGH PRIORITY**
2 sites by CAMA and compelled by CAMA to complete closure by August 2019. From a
3 Federal CCR Rules perspective, Sutton would not have been required to even begin closure
4 until 2020.

5 **Q. REGARDING H.F. LEE, WHAT EXPENDITURES FOR CLOSURE AND/OR**
6 **EXCAVATION OPTIONS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE CCR RULES, BUT**
7 **REQUIRED UNDER CAMA, HAS THE COMPANY REQUESTED IN THIS**
8 **PROCEEDING?**

9 **A.** As noted in Table 5.1 above, DEP is currently requesting \$54,775,180 for costs
10 incurred through September 30, 2018 at H.F. Lee. In his Exhibit 10, Mr. Kerin describes
11 the work completed to date at H.F. Lee as including: “CAMA & CCR wells; dam stability;
12 EHS groundwater & permitting; ash beneficiation; landfill; planning and overheads; bulk
13 dewatering system; dewatering operations; dewatering engineering; wetland delineation
14 report; closure plan development; basin closure engineering”. CAMA alone required
15 beneficiation of CCR at several plant sites in North Carolina. As noted above, Cape Fear
16 and H.F. Lee are designated as **INTERMEDIATE PRIORITY** sites under CAMA, and
17 CAMA requires their impoundments to be been addressed through beneficiation, a process
18 not shown as a requirement under the Federal CCR Rules. Mr. Kerin further observes in
19 several instances that “Engineering and project planning at the current time are needed to
20 synchronize work between all of the coal ash sites being closed in the next 20 years, as
21 well as to gain synergies between excavation/capping plans for all the sites.” I concur with
22 this assessment. However, these added costs should only be imposed on South Carolina
23 ratepayers when the actual construction work associated with each site is attributable to the

1 CCR rules only and not due to schedule or scope changes imposed by CAMA. DEP's
2 beneficiation project at H.F. Lee clearly falls under the "CAMA-only" category, and the
3 ratepayers of South Carolina should not have to reimburse the Company for expenses
4 related to the CAMA-only beneficiation requirement.

5 **Q. WHAT PORTION OF DEP'S CLAIMED EXPENDITURES AT H.F. LEE SHOULD**
6 **BE ALLOWED IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

7 **A.** In reviewing the Company's actual and projected costs laid out in Kerin Exhibit 10
8 (Exhibit DJW-3.1.2), and other information provided through discovery, I observed that
9 DEP has not described the costs claimed for H.F. Lee in enough granularity to determine
10 which and how much of the costs incurred at H.F. Lee are associated with appropriate
11 engineering and planning activities, Federal CCR Rules compliance, and compliance with
12 CAMA or other state only requirements. To arrive at a good-faith estimate of engineering
13 and planning costs associated with impoundment closures, I assumed that engineering and
14 planning activities at all eight (8) DEP coal-fired power plants were accomplished at the
15 same time between 2015 and 2017. As I previously noted, Table 5.3 below includes the
16 data from DEP's response to ORS Discovery Request 10-08 (Exhibit DJW 3.4) used to
17 estimate engineering and planning as a percentage of engineering and planning costs.

18 During my December 2018 site visit to H.F. Lee, I learned that the beneficiation
19 plants are to be built and commissioned between 2019 and 2021. Out of spec ash will be
20 landfilled off-site and qualifying ash will largely be sold to concrete plants. Based upon
21 this information and my observations during my site visit, I concluded that most of the
22 costs incurred in 2018 appear to be related to beneficiation efforts and not compliance with
23 the Federal CCR Rules. For this reason, I recommend disallowing the difference between

1 the 2018 spend through September 30 (\$20,599,578) and the average of the previous three
2 (3) years \$11,391,867 for a total disallowance of \$9,207,711.

3 **Q. WHAT EXPENDITURES FOR ACTIONS THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN**
4 **REQUIRED AT THIS TIME UNDER THE CCR RULES, BUT ARE SUBJECT TO**
5 **ACCELERATED SCHEDULES UNDER CAMA, HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR**
6 **RECOVERY BY DEP IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

7 **A.** Kerin Exhibit 10 states “Sutton is subject to the CCR rule provisions requiring
8 basin closure. 40 CFR § 257.102(b) required a written closure plan by October 17, 2016.
9 On July 6, 2016, the placement of waste streams in the Sutton 1971 Basin and 1984 Basin
10 ceased and closure of the basins commenced pursuant to 40 CFR § 257.102(e)(1)(i).
11 Pursuant to ¶ 5.e. of the Order Granting Motion for Partial Summary Judgment dated
12 June 1, 2016 (13-CVS-11032), a written Site Analysis and Removal Plan was due by
13 December 31, 2016. Sections 3(b) and 3(c) of CAMA require excavation of the Sutton
14 basins, with the ash disposed of in either an off-site or on-site landfill. (Sutton is a high-
15 priority site, with ash basin closure required by August 1, 2019.)”

16 **Q. DID THE CCR RULE REQUIRE THE CLOSURE OF SUTTON?**

17 **A.** No. Unlike Asheville where the basins did not meet aquifer and wetland conditions
18 which triggered actions under the CCR Rules, there is no mention of noncompliance in
19 Kerin 10 regarding Sutton. It is therefore reasonable to conclude that the Sutton closure
20 was directed by CAMA and the North Carolina court orders Mr. Kerin mentions in his
21 Exhibit 10. It follows that any subsequent actions performed under the CCR Rules as a
22 result of closing the impoundments at Sutton were the result of DEP’s requirements to
23 comply CAMA and North Carolina court orders.

1 **Q. SHOULD SOUTH CAROLINA RATEPAYERS BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR**
2 **REIMBURSING DEP FOR EXPENSES THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN**
3 **INCURRED AT THIS TIME ABESENT CAMA?**

4 No. It is readily apparent that the CCR rules would not have required closure
5 actions at Sutton to even **commence** until October 31, 2020, while closure is required to
6 be **completed** by August 1, 2019 under CAMA and the noted North Carolina Partial
7 Summary Judgment.

8 **Q. WHAT AMOUNT HAS DEP CLAIMED FOR CLOSURE AND EXCAVATION**
9 **EXPENDITURES AT SUTTON?**

10 **A.** DEP has requested recovery of \$255,525,554 in this proceeding (see Table 5.1).

11 **Q. ARE YOU CONTENDING THAT THIS ENTIRE AMOUNT SHOULD BE**
12 **DISALLOWED?**

13 **A.** No. DEP should be allowed to recover in this proceeding any planning and
14 engineering costs that would have been required for compliance with the CCR Rules as
15 they now stand and should be further allowed to seek recovery after 2020 for prudently
16 incurred actual construction and transportation expenditures related to CCR compliance.

17 **Q. WHY IS IT REASONABLE TO ALLOW DEP TO RECOVER ENGINEERING**
18 **AND PLANNING COSTS?**

19 **A.** As Company witness Kerin notes several times in Kerin Exhibit 10 (Exhibit DJW-
20 3.1.2), “Engineering and project planning at the current time are needed to synchronize
21 work between all of the coal ash sites being closed in the next 20 years, as well as, to gain
22 synergies between excavation/capping plans for all the sites.” I concur with this
23 assessment. However, the actual construction work associated with each site should only

1 be allowed if is attributable to the CCR rules only and not due to schedule or scope changes
 2 imposed by CAMA.

3 **Q. HOW MUCH OF THE COMPANY’S REQUEST FOR SUTTON WOULD YOU**
 4 **ESTIMATE IS PLANING AND ENGINEERING THAT SHOULD BE ALLOWED**
 5 **FOR RECOVERY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

6 **A.** Table 5.3 below includes data from DEP’s response to SCORS Discovery Request
 7 10-08 (see Exhibit DJW-3.4) used to estimate engineering and planning as a percentage of
 8 engineering and planning costs.

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Table 5.3: Estimating Engineering and Planning Costs for DEP Plants							
Plant	Cost Data from Company Response to SCORS 10-08	2015	2016	2017	2018 thru 9/30	10/1/18 to 12/31/18	
Mayo	Spend to Date	\$ 25,384,167.79	\$ 7,342,989.00	\$ 7,524,374.00	\$ 5,880,434.13	\$ 4,636,370.66	\$ -
	Remaining Current Year Forecast	\$ 9,165,450.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,165,450.92
	Total Pre-Construction (E&P)	\$ 34,549,618.71					
	Total Project Costs	\$ 206,749,586.20					
	Percentage E&P of Total	16.71%					
Robinson	Spend to Date	\$ 11,431,675.28	\$ 2,581,604.00	\$ 3,834,014.49	\$ 2,090,145.33	\$ 2,925,911.46	\$ -
	Remaining Current Year Forecast	\$ 10,866,680.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,866,680.83
	Total Pre-Construction (E&P)	\$ 22,298,356.11					
	Total Project Costs	\$ 179,561,777.32					
	Percentage E&P of Total	12.42%					
Roxboro	Spend to Date	\$ 34,070,691.00	\$ 7,806,769.00	\$ 12,563,556.00	\$ 7,167,110.01	\$ 6,533,255.99	\$ -
	Remaining Current Year Forecast	\$ 6,366,469.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,366,469.49
	Total Pre-Construction (E&P)	\$ 40,437,160.49					
	Total Project Costs	\$ 349,803,400.59					
	Percentage E&P of Total	11.56%					
Weatherspoon	Spend to Date	\$ 28,287,428.60	\$ 4,631,236.00	\$ 4,489,006.00	\$ 9,438,276.66	\$ 9,728,909.94	\$ -
	Remaining Current Year Forecast	\$ 7,036,705.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,036,705.16
	Total Pre-Construction (E&P)	\$ 35,324,133.76					
	Total Project Costs	\$ 209,724,346.36					
	Percentage E&P of Total	16.84%					
TOTAL DEP	Spend to Date	\$ 99,173,962.66	\$ 22,362,598.00	\$ 28,410,950.49	\$ 24,575,966.13	\$ 23,824,448.04	\$ -
	Remaining Current Year Forecast	\$ 33,435,306.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,435,306.41
	Total Pre-Construction (E&P)	\$ 132,609,269.07					
	Total Project Costs	\$ 945,839,110.47					
	Percentage E&P of Total	14.02%					

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 11 The weighted average of engineering and planning as a percentage of total project
 12 costs for the three (3) Federal CCR Rules compliant plants (i.e., Mayo, Robinson, and
 13 Roxboro) and Weatherspoon which has many elements of CCR compliance was 14.02
 14 percent during the period from 2015 through September 30, 2018. Applying this
 15 percentage to DEP’s estimated total Sutton project costs (\$493,219,171), I estimate that

1 reasonable engineering and planning activities for the Sutton Steam Electric Station is
2 \$69,149,328 from 2015 through September 30, 2018. Based on the limited information
3 provided, I concluded that the remainder of the \$255,525,554 requested by DEP in this
4 proceeding was incurred due to the accelerated schedule and other requirements imposed
5 by CAMA on **HIGH PRIORITY** sites. Therefore, I recommend that \$186,376,226 of the
6 Company's request for reimbursement at Sutton be disallowed.

7 **Q. WHAT ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS WERE IMPOSED BY CAMA AND**
8 **OTHER ACTIONS ON THE COMPANY'S ASHEVILLE PLANT BY THE STATE**
9 **OF NORTH CAROLINA?**

10 **A.** While the timing of compliance actions at Asheville was not impacted by CAMA
11 since the plant's impoundments did not meet federal wetlands and uppermost aquifer
12 restrictions, the extent of the compliance measures required (excavation and removal vs.
13 cap in place) and the costs associated with required measures were much greater than they
14 would have been under CAMA alone.

15 **Q. BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE, WHAT DO YOU DETERMINE**
16 **WOULD HAVE BEEN REASONABLE COSTS INCURRED FOR CCR RULE**
17 **COMPLIANCE ONLY AT ASHEVILLE?**

18 **A.** I believe that it would be reasonable for DEP to recover expenses prudently
19 incurred for engineering and planning and for "cap-in-place" disposal of ash at Asheville.

20 **Q. DO YOU BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PRACTICAL TO IMPLEMENT**
21 **CAP-IN-PLACE AT ASHVILLE ABSENT NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATION**
22 **AND REGULATIONS DIRECTING OTHERWISE?**

1 A. Yes. The North Carolina Mountain Energy Act of 2015 required the installation of
2 a natural gas-fired combined cycle facility at Asheville. Had that not been required, there
3 would have been ample room for on-site disposal of ash impounded at Asheville.

4 **Q. HOW HAVE YOU DETERMINED THE AMOUNT OF COSTS WHICH WOULD**
5 **HAVE BEEN INCURRED BY DEP HAD IT PURSUED A CAP-IN-PLACE**
6 **OPTION AT ASHEVILLE RATHER THAN EXCAVATING IMPOUNDMENTS**
7 **AND SHIPPING ASH OFF SITE.**

8 A. To estimate appropriate costs incurred to date for Asheville, I multiplied the
9 estimated total costs per ton (including engineering and planning) estimated by DEP for
10 compliance at Robinson ($\$169,561,777/3,900,000$ tons = $\$43.48/\text{ton}$; see Table 5.1 and
11 Table 4.1 above) to the total tons removed through September 30, 2018 at Asheville
12 (2,144,448 tons; SCORS DEP 11-07) to calculate the costs that would reasonably have
13 been incurred under the CCR Rules alone ($\$93,713,264$).

14 **Q. WHY IS IT REASONABLE TO USE ROBINSON COSTS TO APPROXIMATE**
15 **COSTS REASONABLY INCURRED AT ASHEVILLE?**

16 A. As shown in Table 4.1 above, the total amount of ash expected to be removed from
17 Asheville is 3.163 million tons, while the amount at Robinson is 3.9 million tons, which is
18 to be placed in a separate on-site landfill rather than capped in place. Removal costs at
19 Mayo and Robinson, where much more ash had to be dealt with, were considerably lower
20 on a dollars per ton basis than Robinson, partially due to economies of scale and partially
21 due to the use of a more expensive disposal method. However, since the disposal
22 requirement (in tons) at Asheville most closely resembled that at Robinson, I

1 conservatively chose the higher dollars per ton amount to apply to Asheville tonnage
2 despite the additional costs imposed by the methodology chosen for Robinson.

3 **Q. WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDED DISALLOWANCE FOR ASHEVILLE**
4 **BASED ON THE CONCLUSIONS STATED ABOVE?**

5 **A.** I recommend that \$98,220,932 of the \$191,934,196 requested by DEP in this proceeding
6 be disallowed.

7 **Q. ARE YOU RECOMMENDING ANY DISALLOWANCES FOR CCR COSTS AT**
8 **WEATHERSPOON?**

9 **A.** Yes. During my December 2018 site visit, I saw how DEP was addressing the
10 closure of its CCR impoundment at Weatherspoon (see Exhibit DJW-2.8). The closure
11 plan includes the following steps: (a) decant the free or bulk water down to the bottom
12 three feet and maintain this level until dewatering begins; (b) excavate the ash, allow to
13 dry, and screen the ash for size; (c) build piles of material (Active and Reserve); (d) seal
14 the Reserve Pile with EcoGreen; and (e) truck ash from the screened and dry Active Pile
15 to the cement kilns in South Carolina. Once the ash is completely excavated from the
16 impoundments, the bottom will be confirmed for clean closure.

17 While there are similarities to the processes being employed at sites using
18 excavation and placement in an on-site impoundment, there other aspects of this process
19 which are not required under the Federal CCR Rules. These aspects include (1) screening
20 of the ash for size, (2) building active and reserve piles, and (3) shipping the processed
21 CCR to cement kilns about 150 miles away. DEP has represented efforts at Weatherspoon
22 as beneficiation, which is not required under the Federal CCR Rules but is part of the North
23 Carolina CAMA provisions.

1 In assessing the calculation of disallowances for Weatherspoon, I sought first to
2 determine the allowance for engineering and planning. Because the excavation work at
3 Weatherspoon began in September 2017 and continues today, I used the total expenditures
4 from 2015 and 2016 as well as three-fourths of the costs in 2017 (see Exhibit DJW-3.4) as
5 a good faith estimate of engineering and planning costs. This came to a total of
6 \$16,198,949. To allow for costs that would be required under the Federal CCR Rules, I
7 reviewed the costs submitted in DEP’s response to SCORS 10-08 and Kerin Exhibit 10.
8 Unfortunately, this data lacked the granularity to determine how much of the costs were
9 for beneficiation and how much was for work required under the Federal CRC Rules.
10 Therefore, I estimated the allowable Federal CCR Rules work as half of the calculated
11 fourth quarter 2017 expenses and half of the first through third quarters of 2018. This
12 process resulted in an allowance for Federal CCR work of \$6,044,240.

13 Taking the total of calculated engineering and planning (\$16,198,949) and Federal
14 CCR work (\$6,044,240), I estimated \$22,243,189 in allowances for Weatherspoon. I then
15 subtracted this allowance from what DEP spent (\$28,287,429 through September 30, 2018
16 in Exhibit DJW-3.4) at Weatherspoon. As a result, I recommend the difference between
17 the expenditures and the allowance for a total disallowance of \$6,044,240 for disallowance.
18 The allowable expenses should be allowed for recovery from South Carolina ratepayers to
19 the extent they were prudently incurred.

20 **Q. ARE THERE ANY DEP PLANTS FOR WHICH YOU RECOMMEND NO**
21 **DISALLOWANCES?**

22 **A.** Yes. The “Cap-In-Place” options chosen at Mayo and Roxboro are consistent with
23 the Federal CCR Rules, and North Carolina state law does not impose additional

1 requirements at these sites. Therefore, the South Carolina pro rata share of the Company's
2 total spend for these two sites should be allowed to the extent they were prudently incurred.

3 Because Robinson CCR impoundment was closed and remediated pursuant to a
4 negotiated agreement with the South Carolina DHEC, the costs associated with this project
5 should be approved for recovery from South Carolina ratepayers to the extent they were
6 prudently incurred.

7 **Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED A SUMMARY OF YOUR RECOMMENDED**
8 **DISALLOWANCES?**

9 **A.** Yes. Table 5.4 below summarizes my recommendations for disallowance in the
10 current request for reimbursement. Of the \$635,040,092 currently being requested by the
11 Company for reimbursement, I recommend that the Commission disallow \$333,480,308
12 for recovery from ratepayers.

Table 5.4: Duke Energy Progress Reimbursement Request and Disallowances					
Plant	Cost Data				
	Total Project (from SCORS DEP 10-08)	Amount Requested (1/1/15-9/30/18, SCORS DEP 10-08)	Disallowance	Rationale	Allowance
Asheville	\$ 452,038,793	\$ 191,934,196	\$ 98,220,932	CAMA High Priority - Accelerated Schedule -- Allow what would have been incurred for "Cap-In-Place" only	\$ 93,713,264
Cape Fear	\$ 504,918,488	\$ 33,631,199	\$ 33,631,199	No Federal CCR Requirements	\$ -
HF Lee	\$ 568,383,919	\$ 54,775,180	\$ 9,207,711	Beneficiation - CAMA Only -- Allow Engineering and Planning	\$ 45,567,469
Mayo	\$ 206,749,586	\$ 25,384,168	\$ -	Federal CCR Compliant	\$ 25,384,168
Robinson	\$ 179,561,777	\$ 11,431,675	\$ -	Federal CCR Compliant and SCDHEC Requirements	\$ 11,431,675
Roxboro	\$ 349,803,401	\$ 34,070,691	\$ -	Federal CCR Compliant	\$ 34,070,691
Sutton	\$ 493,219,171	\$ 255,525,554	\$ 186,376,226	CAMA High Priority - Accelerated Schedule -- Allow Engineering and Planning`	\$ 69,149,328
Weatherspoon	\$ 209,724,346	\$ 28,287,429	\$ 6,044,240	Excavation and Beneficiation Off-Site -- CAMA -- Allow E&P Through 9/30/17 and Half Costs 10/01/17 through 9/30/18	\$ 22,243,189
TOTAL	\$ 2,964,399,482	\$ 635,040,092	\$ 333,480,308		\$ 301,559,784

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 2 **Q. ARE YOU RECOMMENDING THAT DEP BE PRECLUDED FROM**
 3 **RECOVERING COSTS DISALLOWED IN THIS PROCEEDING IN FUTURE**
 4 **PROCEEDINGS?**

5 **A.** Not necessarily. If DEP can demonstrate that it has prudently incurred expenses
 6 dictated by compliance with the CCR Rules as they stand at the time of its next rate case,
 7 any expenses required by the CCR Rule as a stand-alone document (i.e. absent CAMA)
 8 and determined to be prudently incurred should be considered for recovery in that forum.

1 However, as noted in my testimony above, many of DEP's claimed expenses are not yet
2 ripe for recovery under the CCR Rules as they stand.

3 **Q. WILL YOU UPDATE YOUR TESTIMONY BASED ON INFORMATION THAT**
4 **BECOMES AVAILABLE?**

5 **A.**Yes. ORS fully reserves the right to revise its recommendations via supplemental
6 testimony should new information not previously provided by the Company, or other
7 sources, become available.

8 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

9 **A.**Yes.

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DJW-2.3 Site Visit Roxboro Plant

DJW-2.4 Site Visit Cape Fear Plant (NC)

DJW-2.5 Site Visit HF Lee Plant (NC)

DJW-2.6 Sutton Plant (NC)

DJW-2.7 Robinson Plant (NC)

DJW-2.8 Weatherspoon Plant (NC)

DJW-3.1.1 November 8, 2018, Jon Kerin Testimony

DJW-3.1.2 November 8, 2018, Jon Kerin Exhibits 3-8 and 10

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DJW-3.3 DEC and DEP Response to SCORS Interrogatory 9-06

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- DJW-9.2 May 18, 2016 NC DEQ Proposed Classifications for all Coal Ash Ponds in North Carolina
- DJW-9.3 November 14, 2018 NC DEQ Low Risk Classifications for Allen, Belews Creek, Buck, Cliffside, and Marshall Coal Ash Ponds